

**Home School and Special
Circumstances**

Any of the programs listed in this brochure can be provided to home school groups.

Any educator who wishes to customize an existing program, or assist in the creation of a new program, may contact the education coordinator. We would be happy to work with you.

Beach wheelchairs are available when prior notice is given.



**Service Projects for Community
Groups and Schools**

The staff of Sandy Point State Park loves to encourage community involvement in the stewardship of our park lands. If your school, civic or community group is interested in a group service project, please contact us. We can engage you in park maintenance, beach and park clean-ups or habitat creation. If you have other ideas that emphasize the unique talents or specialties of your members, let us know. We would love to work with you for the benefit of the facility. Contact the park office at (410) 974-2149.

Locations for Possible Programs

Sandy Point State Park

Sandy Point is one of Maryland’s older state parks, developed during the 1950s to give people recreational opportunities on the Chesapeake Bay. Park activities include swimming, picnicking, fishing, crabbing, bird-watching, beachcombing, boating, kayaking, hiking, biking, and youth group camping (reservation required). The park consists of 3 main ecosystems—the forest/uplands, salt marsh, and primarily the beach/bay. Being the only park in the area with public access to the bay, many groups enjoy visiting the park to go seining, do bay studies, and take part in a variety of other water activities.

Severn Run Natural Environment Area

The 2,500 acres of Severn Run N.E.A. in western Anne Arundel County are divided into six tracts along the Severn River, varying in habitat from marsh to mature forest. The land is managed as a buffer zone to protect the water quality and scenic value of the Severn River. It is a great area to learn about the local flora and fauna, animal habitats, and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Corcoran Environmental Area

The Corcoran Environmental Study Area, often referred to as the Corcoran Tract, comprises roughly 210 acres of land adjacent to Sandy Point State Park. Corcoran is a great area for hiking, nature interpretation, and scientific study. The area is noted for its old trees, vernal pools, bamboo forest, and a variety of wildlife.

**Maryland Children’s
Outdoor Bill of Rights**

Every Maryland child shall have the opportunity to...

Play and learn outdoors

Discover and connect with their natural world

Splash and swim in the water

Camp under the stars

Catch a fish

Share nature with a great mentor or teacher

Watch wildlife

Explore wild places close to home

Follow a trail

Celebrate their culture and heritage

Sandy Point State Park

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**Environmental
Literacy
Experiences**



**With
Sandy Point
State Park**

Mission of the Maryland State Park’s
Environmental Literacy Experience

The Partnership for Children in Nature and the Maryland Park Service want to make sure all Maryland young people have the opportunity to learn about their environment, connect with their natural world, and grow to become responsible stewards. Together we are improving and expanding multi-disciplinary opportunities for children to learn about, play in, and experience our natural world. The Maryland Park Service is committed to help local school systems meet state Environmental Literacy Standards. Your local State Parks, such as Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis, MD, are outstanding outdoor classrooms, where staff can provide professional development and environmental education.

Environmental Literacy
Programs



Children searching for bay organisms in a seine net.

These field trip experiences are planned according to Maryland curriculum standards and Environmental Literacy correlations. They consist of 3 programs presented to the group in a round-robin format either in the fall or spring. All grades will participate in a seining activity. **Field trips average \$2 per student and are approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours in length.** Call the park office at 410-974-2149 to plan your trip or discuss other program options.

Grade 3 –
Recycling and being an effective citizen

MD State Curriculum:
Science – 3.E.1.a; Social Studies – 1.C.1.a; 3.D.1

E-Lit Correlations:
1.A.1; 3.A.1; 4.A.1; 1.B.1; 5.A.1; 5.B.1

Description:

Students will be introduced to the topic of recycling (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and become investigators in search of some Nature’s Recyclers. They will also learn the responsibilities of being an effective citizen.

Grade 4 –
Food Chains and the Web of Life

MD State Curriculum:
Science – 3.E.1; 3.F.1.a

E-Lit Correlations:
1.A.1; 3.C.1; 4.A.1; 4.B.1; 4.C.1

Description:

Students will determine how bay creatures and animals that live in surrounding ecosystems are connected to each other and how they depend on the bay for survival. We will also discuss how humans impact the bay ecosystem.

Grade 5 –
Animal Adaptations and Habitats

MD State Curriculum:
Science - 3.A.1; 3.D.1; 3.F.1; 5.A.1.a

E-Lit Correlations: 1.A.1

Description:

Students will get to see some native animals up close and learn about their habitats and adaptations. They will also learn about what lives in the bay and how the growth and survival of those organisms and species depends on the physical conditions.

Grade 6 –
Healthy Water, Healthy People

MD State Curriculum:
1.A.1; 3.D.1; 3.F.1; 6.B.1.c

E-Lit Correlations: 1.A.1; 1.A.3; 1.B.1

Description:

Students will learn how human activities may impact the bay negatively and how a local environmental issue could become a global issue. We will also use equipment to collect, observe and identify creatures in the bay and to test the water. Afterwards, students will be able to track the quality of the bay through an online system.

Grade 7 –
Chesapeake Bay Commercial Life

MD State Curriculum:
3.B.1.b; 4.A.1; 4.A.2; 4.A.2.c; 4.B.2.d

E-Lit Correlations: 1.A.1; 8.C.1

Description:

Students will get a glimpse into the everyday life of a waterman in the Chesapeake Bay and make the connection between their profession and the food people eat. They will also analyze why natural resources, specifically the bay, are important in a variety of aspects.



The park staff doing a seining program for a school group at South Beach in Sandy Point.

Grade 8 –
“Where are you from?” Invasive Program

MD State Curriculum:
Science – 6.B.1.b

E-Lit Correlations: 1.A.1;1.B.1; 1.B.2,3; 5.A.1,2; 5.B.1; 3.C.1; 4.B.1; 4.C.1; 4.E.1; 7.A.1

Description:

Students will learn about native, non-native, and introduced species and how human-caused changes have consequences for Maryland’s environment as well as for other places and future times. After learning about some of the invasives around Sandy Point State Park, the students will use bamboo from the park to go fishing and seining.

Bad Weather and Cancellation Policy

Our Environmental Education Field Experiences are held outside. If weather conditions preclude us from conducting the program outside, we may be able to provide a modified program in the park Nature Center or pavilion. If you make a reservation, you may come regardless of weather or we can try to reschedule if you desire. If you wish to cancel or reschedule, please contact the park office as soon as possible.